



HIPAA INFO



This flyer is the third in a series of flyers published by the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services, offering providers information concerning HIPAA readiness. The flyers will contain the most current and updated information on HIPAA compliance. In addition, the Department encourages providers to pay close attention to their weekly remittance advice in order to keep abreast of actions that need to be taken to be HIPAA compliant.

HIPAA compliant transaction guides:

All X12N Implementation Guides adopted for use under HIPAA and their corresponding addenda are free when downloaded from the Washington Publishing Company web site – www.wpc-edi.com.

What should a Kentucky Medicaid provider do to ensure HIPAA compliancy on October 16, 2003?

- Review the HIPAA compliance requirements on the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services' website – <http://chs.ky.gov/dms/HIPAA/default.htm>.
- Test with Unisys, Kentucky Medicaid's fiscal agent, using X12 transaction and standard code sets:
 - **Paper billers** - this means no electronic transactions of any form with Kentucky Medicaid Program. If you use local codes and or modifiers on your paper submitted claims, they will no longer be accepted; providers must use standard code sets.
 - **Electronic billers** – this means that you are a covered entity doing electronic billing, you must use the specified standard to conduct the transaction.

What is a clearinghouse?

A clearinghouse facilitates the movement of Electronic Media Claims (EMC) from the producer of claims to the payer of claims. In the process, the claims are edited and validated to insure they are error free. The clearinghouse is responsible for reformatting the data to the specifications of the payer and sending the data electronically to that payer.

To receive a listing of clearinghouses, software vendors, or billing agencies, contact the Unisys EDI Department (800) 205-4696.

If you have any questions about Trading Partner testing with Kentucky Medicaid, call the Unisys EDI Technical Support Help Desk at (800) 205-4696. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM Eastern Time.